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under 35 U.S.C. 371, for FOURIER  
TRANSFORM SPECTROMETER  
USING AN OPTICAL BLOCK

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Sir:

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1. German Patent Publication No. DE 197 49 377 A1

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